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Georgina Lampman, District Ranger  
Escalante Ranger District  
PO Box 246  
Escalante, UT 84726

RE: Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement,  
Pockets Resource Management Project,  
Dixie National Forest, CEQ#: 20090109

Dear Ms. Lampman:

In accordance with EPA's responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 42 U.S.C. Section 4332(2) (C), and our authorities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 7609, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 (EPA) has reviewed the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Pockets Resource Management Project on the Escalante Ranger District of the Dixie National Forest.

EPA's review found the SEIS responsive to concerns regarding the effects on unroaded and undeveloped areas with wilderness potential. EPA has determined that we have a 'lack of objection' to the analysis of effects on the areas with wilderness potential. In other words, we find that the supplemental analysis adequately examined the proposed action and action alternatives for effects on the following set of wilderness attributes:

- Natural integrity of ecological systems
- Undeveloped character or natural-looking appearance
- Opportunities for recreational solitude
- Opportunities for primitive recreation activities
- Unique special features of broad stakeholder interests
- Area of sufficient size to make preservation as wilderness practicable

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review the SEIS. If you have questions regarding EPA's comments, please contact me at (303) 312-6004 or James Hanley at (303) 312-6725.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Svoboda for".

Larry Svoboda  
Director, NEPA Program  
Office of Ecosystems Protection and Remediation